GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PROVIDING GRANTS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of providing grants to farmers for the growth of sugarcane production and fishery sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly with reference to the grants given for Maharshtra;

(c) whether the Cotton farmers of Maharashtra have not received their dues of last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government for ensuring speedy payment to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In order to sustain the growth of sugarcane production, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) under Macro Management of Agriculture in implemented in 23 States/Union Territories including Maharashtra. The scheme provides assistance for field demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, farm implements/machinery, heat treatment plants, production of planting material and drip irrigation. An amount of Rs.1275.25 lakh have been allocated for the implementation of the scheme in Maharashtra during 2007-08.

The Government of India, through Centrally Sponsored/Central sector schemes, provides financial assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territories for development of Fisheries Sector including support to the fishers. An amount of Rs. 2049.19 lakh was released to Maharashtra during tenth five year plan.

(c): There are no pending dues of cotton farmers for cotton procured by the Cotton Corporation of India and Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers` Marketing Federation Limited during last year in Maharashtra.

(d): Question does not arise.